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TO: Department of State
Attention: Mr. A. N. Abajian
Office of Investigations
Refugee Relief Program

FOR COORDINATION ^{ed} WITH State

FROM: Deputy Director, Plans

SUBJECT: IBRAHIMOVIC, Dzemal

1. Reference is made to your SY memorandum IRP/Control No. Munich 16613, dated 21 December 1955, subject as above, whose name you desired checked against the files of this office. The files reflect the following information concerning the subject of your request.

2. A report dated 27 August 1954 contained information from a source whose reliability cannot be judged indicating that Dzemal IBRAHIMOVIC worked in the employment section of Camp Valka, Germany. In this position, he has allegedly been able to place as charwomen in the camp and in offices of the Federal Office for the Recognition of Foreign Refugees individuals concerning whom some suspicion has existed. According to this report, it was noticed that Subject collected new admissions from Yugoslavia from the transit barracks immediately on their arrival at the Federal Collection Camp. It was further ascertained that contact offices in Italy, Austria and Germany referred Yugoslav refugees directly to IBRAHIMOVIC and in many instances, it was later determined that the refugees had furnished false personal data. Source stated that in December 1953, IBRAHIMOVIC was visited at Camp Valka by two officials from the Yugoslav Consulate-General in Munich, Germany. IBRAHIMOVIC allegedly stated that the officials had visited him in order to persuade him to return to Yugoslavia. Source believed, however, that it was more likely that Subject, in his capacity as chief of the Croat committee at the camp, was instructed to persuade his compatriots to return to their native country. It was also reported that according to statements by Croat and Serbian refugees, IBRAHIMOVIC travelled to Munich where he contacted the Yugoslav Consulate-General. The Yugoslav refugees are said to fear, therefore, that through Subject the Consulate-General would be furnished with the statements that they had made at the camp. On 3 June 1954, IBRAHIMOVIC reportedly was visited by a German woman who supposedly was an employee of the main post office in Nurnberg, Germany, and apparently they held a secret meeting at the home of an inmate of the camp, Frau DISTALOVIC, which was attended by five or six other persons. It was also indicated that Subject stated

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that he was receiving aid from "outside".

3. A report dated 26 April 1955 contained information appraised as possibly true and furnished by a source whose reliability cannot be judged, indicating that Dzemal IBRAHIMOVICZ was suspected of belonging to an intelligence organization operated from the Yugoslav Consulate-General in Munich. IBRAHIMOVICZ, born 14 March 1919 in Sarajevo, Serbia, was described as a Croatian, Mohammedan, single, residing since 23 December 1953 in Nuernberg, Oppelnerstr. 230, Steinbau 18, Entrance 11, Room 4. IBRAHIMOVICZ reportedly was a member of the Musselman SS Division during World War II and was acquainted with the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem. He was taken prisoner of war by the British in Italy in 1945, being interned later in the Fallingbomel PW Camp. From 1947 to September 1951, he lived in Resdorf/Aschendorf, Germany, and in early April 1952 he entered Camp Valka in Nuernberg. Immediately after his arrival at Valka, he reportedly organized, with other Croats, the Croatian camp committee. Shortly thereafter, however, it was rumored among other Yugoslavs that Subject was also working for the Tito Government. Source stated that, in support of these rumors, it has been established that IBRAHIMOVICZ regularly visited the Yugoslav Consulate-General in Munich and that he has had talks with Consulate officials in Camp Valka. Subject is reported to have a large circle of German friends, dating from his war-time activities with the German Army. The report also indicated that Subject traveled often and allegedly received foreign financial aid [of an unspecified nature].

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